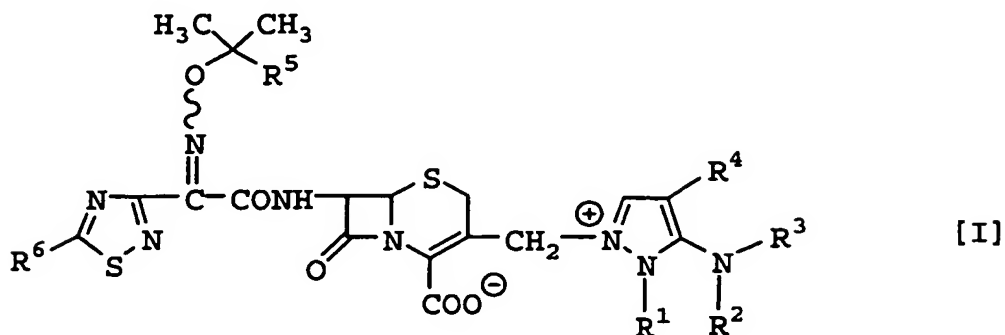


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula [I]:



wherein

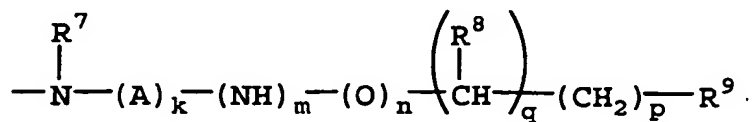
R¹ is lower alkyl, hydroxy(lower)alkyl or halo(lower)alkyl, and

R² is hydrogen, aryl(lower)alkyl or acyl ~~or amino-protecting group~~, or

R¹ and R² are bonded together and form lower alkylene or lower alkenylene;

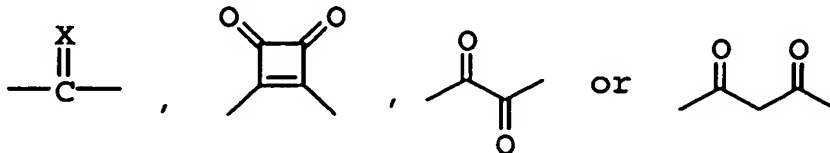
R³ is hydrogen or lower alkyl;

R⁴ is



wherein

A is



wherein X is O or NH,

R⁷ is hydrogen, lower alkyl, aryl(lower)alkyl or acyl ~~or~~